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OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF
JAFFREY, N. H.,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintendent of Schools for the year ending March 1, 1882, respectfully submits the following report:

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.	
1	Harriet N. Haradon.....		
2	*Julia A. Cutler.....		
2	Sarah E. Robbins.....		
3	Annie K. Wellman.....		
4	Carrie E. Pierce.....		
5	Marv E. Phelps.....		
6	Ella M. Allen.....		
7	M. Ada Prescott.....		
8	Hattie J. Bacon.....		
9	Julia M. Buckminster...		
11	No school.....		
12	No school.....		
13	No school.....		
*Grammar.			
†Primary.			
		Wages per month including board.	
		Number of weeks.	
		Number of scholars.	
		Boys.	
		Girls.	
		Average attendance.	
		Not absent one half day.	
		Under five years of age.	
		Between five and fifteen.	
		Over fifteen.	
		Scholars in reading.	
		Spelling.	
		Writing.	
		Arithmetic.	
		Geography.	
		Grammar.	
		Drawing.	
		Higher Studies.	
		Visits by S. S. Committee.	
		Visits by Prudential Committee.	
		Visits by citizens and others.	
		School commenced.	
		School closed.	

FALL AND WINTER SCHOOLS.

Districts.		NAMES OF TEACHERS.												Wages per month including board.												Number of weeks.												Number of scholars.												Boys.												Girls.												Average attendance.												Not absent one half day.												Under five years of age.												Between five and fifteen.												Over fifteen.												Scholars in reading.												Spelling.												Writing.												Arithmetic.												Geography.												Grammar.												Drawing.												Higher studies.												Visits by S. S. Committee.												Visits by Prudential Committee.												Visits by citizens and others.												School commenced.												School closed.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
1	Annette L. Slason	2	Annie F. Crombie	3	Sarah E. Robbins	4	B. F. Armitage	5	Walter H. Starkey	6	Carrie E. Pierce	7	Theodora V. Tenney	8	Ella M. Allen	9	M. Ada Prescott	10	M. Ada Prescott	11	Julia A. Cutler	12	Julia M. Buckminster	13	Julia M. Buckminster	14	L. S. Poole and T. V. Tenney	15	Vienna D. Mack	16	Annie F. Crombie	17		18		19		20		21		22		23		24		25		26		27		28		29		30		31		32		33		34		35		36		37		38		39		40		41		42		43		44		45		46		47		48		49		50		51		52		53		54		55		56		57		58		59		60		61		62		63		64		65		66		67		68		69		70		71		72		73		74		75		76		77		78		79		80		81		82		83		84		85		86		87		88		89		90		91		92		93		94		95		96		97		98		99		100		101		102		103		104		105		106		107		108		109		110		111		112		113		114		115		116		117		118		119		120		121		122		123		124		125		126		127		128		129		130		131		132		133		134		135		136		137		138		139		140		141		142		143		144		145		146		147		148		149		150		151		152		153		154		155		156		157		158		159		160		161		162		163		164		165		166		167		168		169		170		171		172		173		174		175		176		177		178		179		180		181		182		183		184		185		186		187		188		189		190		191		192		193		194		195		196		197		198		199		200		201		202		203		204		205		206		207		208		209		210		211		212		213		214		215		216		217		218		219		220		221		222		223		224		225		226		227		228		229		230		231		232		233		234		235		236		237		238		239		240		241		242		243		244		245		246		247		248		249		250		251		252		253		254		255		256		257		258		259		260		261		262		263		264		265		266		267		268		269		270		271		272		273		274		275		276		277		278		279		280		281		282		283		284		285		286		287		288		289		290		291		292		293		294		295		296		297		298		299		300		301		302		303		304		305		306		307		308		309		310		311		312		313		314		315		316		317		318		319		320		321		322		323		324		325		326		327		328		329		330		331		332		333		334		335		336		337		338		339		340		341		342		343		344		345		346		347		348		349		350		351		352		353		354		355		356		357		358		359		360		361		362		363		364		365		366		367		368		369		370		371		372		373		374		375		376		377		378		379		380		381		382		383		384		385		386		387		388		389		390		391		392		393		394		395		396		397		398		399		400		401		402		403		404		405		406		407		408		409		410		411		412		413		414		415		416		417		418		419		420		421		422		423		424		425		426		427		428		429		430		431		432		433		434		435		436		437		438		439		440		441		442		443		444		445		446		447		448		449		450		451		452		453		454		455		456		457		458		459		460		461		462		463		464		465		466		467		468		469		470		471		472		473		474		475		476		477		478		479		480		481		482		483		484		485		486		487		488		489		490		491		492		493		494		495		496		497		498		499		500		501		502		503		504		505		506		507		508		509		510		511		512		513		514		515		516		517		518		519		520		521		522		523		524		525		526		527		528		529		530		531		532		533		534		535		536		537		538		539		540		541		542		543		544		545		546		547		548		549		550		551		552		553		554		555		556		557		558		559		560		561		562		563		564		565		566		567		568		569		570		571		572		573		574		575		576		577		578		579		580		581		582		583		584		585		586		587		588		589		590		591		592		593		594		595		596		597		598		599		600		601		602		603		604		605		606		607		608		609		610		611		612		613		614		615		616		617		618		619		620		621		622		623		624		625		626		627		628		629		630		631		632		633		634		635		636		637		638		639		640		641		642		643		644		645		646		647		648		649		650		651		652		653		654		655		656		657		658		659		660		661		662		663		664		665		666		667		668		669		670		671		672		673		674		675		676		677		678		679		680		681		682		683		684		685		686		687		688		689		690		691		692		693		694		695		696		697		698		699		700		701		702		703		704		705		706		707		708		709		710		711		712		713		714		715		716		717		718		719		720		721		722		723		724		725		726		727		728		729		730		731		732		733		734		735		736		737		738		739		740		741		742		743		744		745		746		747		748		749		750		751		752		753		754		755		756		757		758		759		760		761		762		763		764		765		766		767		768		769		770		771		772		773		774		775		776		777		778		779		780		781		782		783		784		785		786		787		788		789		790		791		792		793		794		795		796		797		798		799		800		801		802		803		804		805		806		807		808		809		810		811		812		813		814		815		816		817		818		819		820		821		822		823		824		825		826		827		828		829		830		831		832		833		834		835		836		837		838		839		840		841		842		843		844		845		846		847		848		849		850		851		852		853		854		855		856		857		858		859		860		861		862		863		864		865		866		867		868		869		870		871		872		873		874		875		876		877		878		879		880		881		882		883		884		885		886		887		888		889		890		891		892		893		894		895		896		897		898		899		900		901		902		903		904		905		906		907		908		909		910		911		912		913		914		915		916		917		918		919		920		921		922		923		924		925		926		927		928		929		930		931		932		933		934		935		936		937		938		939		940		941		942		943		944		945		946		947		948		949		950		951		952		953		954		955		956		957		958		959		960		961		962		963		964		965		966		967		968		969		970		971		972		973		974		975		976		977		978		979		980		981		982		983		984		985		986		987		988		989		990		991		992		993		994		995		996		997		998		999		1000		1001		1002		1003		1004		1005		1006

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, Lucius A. Garfield,.....	\$139 20
“ 2, Charles Cutter, ...	651 40
“ 3, Fred I. Stevens,.....	119 42
“ 4, Frederick Spaulding, ...	75 70
“ 5, Leonard E. Spaulding,.....	112 11
“ 6, Arthur Bunce,.....	114 52
“ 7, Benjamin F. Lawrence,.....	228 52
“ 8, Oliver Bacon,.....	94 20
“ 9, William Buckwold,.....	154 01
“ 11, Charles A. Baldwin, ...	74 43
“ 12, Joseph W. Fassett,.....	61 23
“ 13, Edward B. Crowe,.....	79 73
	\$1904 47

The money was distributed in accordance with the following vote: “One-third among the districts according to valuation of each district; one-third among the districts according to the number of scholars in each district; the other third equally among the several districts, calling District No. 2 one district and a half.”

Scholars between 5 and 15 years of age not in school during the year.....18

Whole number of different scholars in school during the year—boys, 136; girls, 122—.....258

Average daily attendance,.....186

Number of children reported by Selectmen, April, 1881, between the ages of 5 and 15—boys, 100; girls, 96—...196

Scholars having no absences during the year,.....32

The highest wages paid any teacher, \$60 per month; the lowest, \$20; average wages per month for male teachers, \$43; for female teachers, \$23.95; expense per scholar, \$7.38.

No text books have been furnished by the town. Swinton's Word Book has been substituted for the North American Spelling Book, and the several districts have uniform text books, as follows: Franklin Readers, White's Arithmetics, Swinton's

Word Book, Swinton's Grammar, and Warren's Geographies. Supplementary Readers have been introduced into three schools, and with such results that it is hoped similar books will soon be found in all the schools. Pupils quickly tire of a single reading book, however judicious the selections in it may be, and their lessons become little more than mechanical repetition. This is specially noticeable in the case of scholars who commit to memory readily. Instances have come under my knowledge where words in familiar pieces would be pronounced correctly, and still the scholar fail to recognize the same words when found on a page with which he was not familiar. A variety of reading, and reading new pieces at sight, will prevent the possibility of such mere repetition without regard to meaning.

Some of the teachers have found difficulty on account of the different editions of the same book. This has been more particularly true of the Geographies. Obviously this is an evil that cannot be remedied till publishers change. Have what book we may, and in a short time there will be a new edition, even if nothing more is done than to transpose a few pages or change the wording of a rule; as it will never do for one publisher to allow another to have a later edition of a text book on a given subject than his own. It is here that the skill of the teacher ought to show itself. At the best, text books can be only guides, and the one who cannot use them as such, but must confine himself to the very letter in every case, is wanting in the essential thing for teaching.

The number of different scholars has been less by two, and the average daily attendance less by three than the previous year. The number not absent during the year has, however, increased from twenty-four to thirty-two, so on the whole there has been a little improvement in attendance. In some cases there has been good reason for absences, but in the majority of instances it is believed they might have been avoided. It is noticeable that the same irregularities, with few exceptions, continue year after year in the same schools.

The total length of schools in all the districts has been twenty weeks less than last year. This was in part owing to the Conant School taking the place of the fall term of the Grammar School

in District No. 2. Apart from that, however, there was a falling off of nine weeks in the districts where schools were most needed. There have been seventeen different teachers employed, two males and fifteen females. With two exceptions all had had more or less experience in teaching. Eight had taught the same school two or more successive terms. No school was so far a failure as to be given up, though some of the teachers can hardly be said to have met with success. This want of success cannot be traced to any one cause. More experience, bringing with it greater facilities for adapting themselves to their surroundings and quicker insight to discover and meet the wants of their pupils, will help those who did not accomplish all they wished, in the future, to make their schools more what schools should be. District No. 11 had two teachers for one term. Mrs. Poole and Miss T. V. Tenney. Mrs. Poole taught the school with her usual good success till about the middle of the term, when duties requiring her attention elsewhere, she secured the services of Miss Tenney, who kept it up in every respect to its previously high standard. As for some years past, District No. 10 has been united with District No. 9.

Repairs have been made on the school houses so that with one exception they are in a fairly good condition. A majority still lack the necessary furniture—globe, outline maps and good blackboards—to which attention has been so frequently called in years past. Districts Nos. 2 and 12 are the only ones which have done all that is necessary to make their school rooms places where teachers and scholars can work to the best advantage. In judging of the comparative merits of the different schools, this fact should be taken into account. Certainly a teacher without the necessary helps ought not to be expected to accomplish so much as the one with them. We all see the absurdity of not having the proper implements for cultivating our farms and gathering our hay, or of trying to make the work of a carpenter, blacksmith, or any other calling a success without the best tools. And why fail to recognize the same thing in the teacher's calling?

Sixty-eight visits have been made to the different schools. It has been the purpose of your committee, since taking charge of the schools, to visit them at least three times each term: once at

the beginning, then a little later, and again at the close. In some instances he has visited them more frequently. In a few cases the past year, owing to reasons beyond his control, he has made but two visits. That he has not done all for the schools he hoped, he is free to confess; that he has done what he has, is due in a good measure to the willingness of prudential committees, parents and teachers to co-operate with him. In all cases where he has been called to exercise his authority as superintendent in matters of discipline, he has found the parents ready to insist that their children should comply with all reasonable demands made on them. From the scholars, too, he has uniformly received that courteous attention which has made all his labor for them of such a nature that it will ever be looked back upon with pleasure. When coming in contact with the scholars, your committee has endeavored to distinguish between rudeness and vulgarity, which are ever to be frowned upon, and that overflow of animal spirits, showing itself in fondness for noise and play which ought always to mark a child in good health and sound mind. Few scholars fail to yield to proper restraints when imposed at the right time, and in the proper direction, or to respect those imposing them. Every teacher ought to be able to see the difference between stupidity and goodness; between that fun which bubbles out of a boy or girl because it cannot be suppressed, and that maliciousness which has for its purpose making trouble. Unfortunately many are not able to make this distinction, and in their estimation the model scholar is the one lounging quietly over his book, though his mind may be as sluggish as his body is inactive. They have no conception of awakening enthusiasm in the dull mind, or of turning the full force of the bright, active mind in the right direction without its losing anything of its vigor. *The will of the child is not to be broken but bent*, is a fundamental principle in teaching.

On the whole, the schools covered by this report have not differed essentially from those of the two previous years. And under the present arrangement of districts and appropriation of money, it is difficult to see how they can increase much in efficiency. Had all the schools been as good as some, your committee would congratulate Jaffrey on having a system of common schools second to no town with which he is acquainted.

And in the nature of the case he sees no reason why this should not be true. To bring it about there must be fewer schools so that there may be larger appropriation of money and more scholars for each. At present nearly one-half of the schools are without scholars enough to create interest among themselves, or to make it an object for a teacher wishing to do thorough work to take one of them. If it does happen, for exceptional reasons, as it has in some instances the past year, that good teachers can be obtained, their work has to be cut short after a few weeks for want of money. It is needless to repeat what has been said in former reports bearing on this matter, and I will simply add that the experience of another year with your schools has but confirmed my previously strong opinion that the town is imperiling its interests to a greater degree than it is aware, by allowing its schools to go on in the way they have been for at least the past three years.

A late number of the New York Tribune, in urging the need of better teaching, uses the following language, to which your attention is respectfully called: "There is no place, always except the nursery, where one is called on for the active display of so many varieties of talent and ability as in the school room. There is no person, except the mother, who needs to be so capable, so consummate in methods as the teacher. These two, the mother and the teacher, make the scholar, the orator, the statesman, the theologian, the man, the woman. They take the tender, pliable, budding nature, and surround it with circumstances best suited to its individual development. For each child has a nature of its own and requires special treatment. As the florist gives to each plant the soil, the warmth, the moisture, the stimulus, the sun, the shade; as he prunes it at one time and at another allows it to flourish in wild luxuriance, so the mother, the teacher, adapts to each child according to its development, to its needs, the special culture and treatment suited to it, changing this from time to time as the child changes."

In the judgment of your committee, the custom of making detailed reports of the several schools, and commenting on the work of each teacher, is of little use, and attended with serious evils. Such reports are therefore omitted. Much care has been taken to make the general report full and accurate, and group items in such a way as to have them of easy reference.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Scholars not absent or tardy during the year :

Arthur S. Annett,	Sarah E. Annett,	Elsie C. Annett,
Fred K. Davis,	Ernest B. Garfield,	Curtis H. Morse,
Oliver H. Morse,	Lillian A. Morse,	Mary M. Morse,
Warren H. Morse,		Herbert A. Robertson.

For one term :

Marietta E. Annett,	Albert F. Wheeler,	Enville J. Wheeler,
Irving E. Morse,	Fred S. Morse,	Fred A. Stratton,
Willis S. Walker,		Willis W. Fairbanks.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Primary Department.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Lester A. Coburn,	Clarence Gardner,	Mark Gardner,
Fannie Kittredge,	Jessie Rice,	Enola Towne.

For two terms :

Lenora Coburn,	Stella Ingraham,	Willie Adams,
Frank Buckwold,	Joseph Simoneau,	Willie Davis.
	Leon Foster,	

For one term :

Arthur Simoneau,	Rosie Mitchell,	Lizzie Stearns,
Alice Hodge,	Emile Desormeault,	Jessie Hodge,
Herbert Bixby,	Annie Bailey,	Charlie Buckwold,
Laura Coburn,		Lottie Howe.

Grammar Department.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Mark Bradley,	George Rice.
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For one term :

Harry Kidder,	Ella M. Sawyer,	Etta M. Sawyer,
Willis Gardner,	Ernest Raymond,	Mark Shedd,
Mary Bailey,	Cora Bruce,	Mary Kittridge.
	Katie Staples,	

DISTRICT No. 3.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Alice M. Heath,	Abbie A. Underwood,	Gracie A. Chamberlain,
Charles E. Goff,		Herbert C. Sawtelle.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Bertis C. Hodge,	Norval A. Hodge,	Elma C. Jewell,
Nellie I. Jewell,	Edith B. Spaulding,	Minnie C. Spaulding.
	Carrie P. Butler,	

DISTRICT No. 5.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Gertie M. Adams,	Warren D. Field,	L. Idella Field,
Lillie Willoughby,		Winnie M. Field.

For one term :

Carrie E. Hill,	Hattie Hill,	Winfield S. Adams,
George E. Field,		Ernest Spaulding.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Lewis A. Bunce,	Freddie P. Pack,	Cora I. Wells,
Willie E. Bunce,		Carrie E. Bailey.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Mark E. Baldwin,	Almon A. Baldwin,	Walter F. Lawrence.
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For two terms :

Lucia B. Cutter,	Abbie A. Dunbar,	Clara P. Dunbar,
John W. Dunbar,	Walter H. Dunbar,	Claribel Baldwin,
Carl F. Baldwin,		Edwin P. Baldwin.

For one term :

Edith I. Brown,	Lucian W. Heath,	Lizzie E. Potter,
Louisa M. Potter.	Percy L. Cutter,	Frank F. Farnum.
	Ernest H. Jewell,	

DISTRICT No. 8.

Not absent or tardy for one term :

Bennie Coffin,	Willie B. Davis,	Alice P. Nutting,
Myron Pierce,	Jean L. Pierce,	Frank Hadley.

DISTRICT No. 9.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Lizzie M. Buckwold.

For two terms :

John P. Garfield.

For one term :

Alice S. Buckwold,	Carrie F. Buckwold.
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DISTRICT No. 11.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Arthur E. Poole.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Not absent or tardy during the year :

Annie F. Crowe,	Mary L. Crowe.
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM W. LIVINGSTON,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Jaffrey, N. H., Feb. 17, 1882.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF THE CONANT HIGH SCHOOL FUND.

Dr.

To cash as per last report,	\$334 89
Error,	07
Interest on \$9200 Town of Jaffrey Bonds,	552 00
Interest on New Hampshire State Bonds,	12 00
For Tuition,	4 00
	\$902 96

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SPRING TERM.

By cash paid George H. Rockwood,	\$140 00	
S. D. Jewell,	40 00	
Carrie E. Bigelow,	56 25	
Incidentals,	10 45	
		\$246 70

FALL TERM.

By cash paid B. F. Armitage,	\$200 00	
Sarah E. Robbins,	88 00	
Incidentals,	15 37	
		\$303 37
		352 89
		\$902 96

H. D. UPTON, }
J. S. LACY, } Trustees.
J. T. BIGELOW, }

Jaffrey, Feb. 21, 1882.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CONANT INDIGENT FUND.

Town of Jaffrey to F. H. Cutter,—

DR.

February 22.	To support of Samuel Marble,	\$17 00
April 1.	To support of Edward F. Adams— money paid Mary B. Adams,	10 00
April 8.	To support of Samuel Marble,	8 00
Total,		<u>\$35 00</u>

CR.

By balance from old account,	\$127 89	
Less not received,	48 00 —	79 89
Balance due from Trustees,		<u>44 89</u>

\$79 89

Received of the estate of Franklin H. Cutter,	44 89	
Received dividend on Cheshire R.R. stock,	96 00	
Received interest on Cambridge City Bonds,	60 00	
Received interest on Kansas Pacific Consoli- dated Railroad Bond,	60 00	
	<u> </u>	\$260 89

Assistance rendered :

Samuel Marble,	\$25 00
Lyman L. Farnum,	30 00
Jacob Buckwold,	20 00
Mrs. Small,	10 00
Mrs. Robertson,	5 00
John Hodge,	10 00
Mrs. Jacob Priest,	26 50
Mrs. Ira Rice,	3 50
Mrs. Rebecca Adams,	5 00

Amount expended,	\$135 00
Balance cash on hand,	125 89

 \$260 89

RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE, } Trustees.
VALERIA L. CUTTER, }

REPORTS OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Town of Jaffrey to F. H. Cutter, Overseer of Poor,—

DR.

February 18, 1881. To balance due Overseer, as per last report,	\$22 12	
February 18, 1881. To putting on record book Overseer's report,	25	
April 1, 1881. To paying N. W. Mower for boarding Enos Mower from January 1, 1881, to April 1,	39 00	
April 2, 1881. To paying J. P. Bancroft for board and expenses of Jennie E. Davis from Jan. 1, 1881, to April 1,	51 52	
April 7, 1881. To paying (county charge) W. B. Robbins for meat furnished John S. Whitney,	3 63	
April 8, 1881. To paying (county charge) Gilman for house rent furnished John S. Whitney,	18 43	
April 9, 1881. To support of Jane A. Page from January 1, 1881, to April 1,	29 25	
		\$164 20

CR.

May 7, 1881. By money received from the County for county paupers, included in the above account,	\$ 22 06	
April 1, 1881. By money drawn from Town Treasurer,	185 00	
Balance due from Overseer,	42 86	
		\$207 06

Town of Jaffrey to R. H. Kittredge, Overseer of Poor,—

Dr.

To cash received of the estate of Franklin H. Cutter,	\$ 42 86	
Cash received of County,	33 35	
Cash received of Town Treasurer,	600 00	
		\$676 21

Cr.

By cash paid N. W. Mower for support of Enos Mower, nine months, to January 1, 1882,	\$128 96	
Support of J. A. Page, nine months, to January 1, 1882,	87 75	
Support of Jennie E. Davis, nine months, to January 1, 1882,	167 27	
Support of Sally Hemmingway, one year, to January 1, 1882,	156 00	
Support of Jacob Buckwold, from Aug. 1, 1881, to January 1, 1882,	68 80	
Support of John S. Whitney,	42 13	
Burial of John S. Whitney,	16 00	
Postage and checks,	55	
Overseer's personal services,	8 75	
		\$676 21

RUSSELL H. KITTREDGE,

Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of the town of Jaffrey respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending March 1, 1882.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Geo. A. Underwood, personal services as Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1882,	\$84 00
William B. Robbins, personal services as Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1882,	62 00
Clarence S. Bailey, personal services as Selectman, for the year ending January 1, 1882,	73 50
Joseph P. Frost, Town Clerk for 1881,	10 00
Auditors of 1881,	3 00
William W. Livingston, Superintendent of Schools for the year ending March 1, 1882,	50 00
C. H. Powers, Collector and Town Treasurer for year ending March 1, 1882,	75 00
John H. Fox, Supervisor,	6 00
Joel H. Poole, “	4 50
Alfred Sawyer, Committee on Gilmore Road and Common,	4 00
Joseph W. Fassett, Committee on Gilmore Road and Common,	4 00
Julius Cutter, Committee on Gilmore Road and Common,	6 00
	\$382 00

BREAKING ROADS IN WINTER OF 1880-81.

Paid Jonathan Page,	\$ 7 05
Charles Cutter,	30 89
John A. Cutter,	19 22
Addison J. Adams,	54 11
Frederick Spaulding,	40 60
E. B. Crowe,	33 98

John Hecker,	38 93
John Garfield,	30 51
Albert W. Hodge,	32 17
J. M. M. Lacy,	53 25
Nehemiah Cutter,	16 38
Alfred Sawyer,	30 00
Joseph Smith,	68 12
Elliott O. Prescott,	26 25
Addison Pierce,	29 32
Stephen S. Bacon,	7 00
William L. Frost,	28 47
Fred J. Lawrence,	47 25
Henry Chamberlain,	50 84
Marshall C. Adams,	61 68
Joseph W. Fassett,	62 77
Cornelius W. Warren,	35 05
Leonard E. Spaulding,	110 97
Joel H. Poole,	43 53
M. D. Fitzgerald,	4 65
Henry M. Stearns,	14 96
C. M. Stewart,	13 00
E. L. Hodge,	3 75

\$994 70

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Daniel P. Adams,	\$ 8 28
Leonard E. Spaulding,	22 06
Addison J. Adams,	17 70
Jonathan Page,	21 64
Frederic Spaulding,	12 75
E. B. Crowe,	34 56
Asa Nutting,	2 65
J. M. M. Lacy,	45 24
William L. Frost,	31 60
Dana S. Jaquith,	10 33
Nehemiah Cutter,	20 02
M. D. Fitzgerald,	5 71
C. S. Bailey,	56 20
C. M. Stewart,	13 00
Fred J. Lawrence,	50 00
Albert Pierce,	17 28
Albert W. Hodge,	24 75
John Hecker,	9 52
Joel H. Poole,	15 77
Clark M. Pierce,	18 44
Henry M. Stearns,	18 72

Alfred Sawyer,	4 46	
Joseph W. Fassett,	44 65	
Henry Chamberlain, labor on highway and re-		
pairs on bridge,	52 08	
Samuel D. Jewell, labor on highway and re-		
pairs on bridge,	14 65	
John Garfield, bridge plank,	2 78	
Thomas Annett, bridge plank,	11 22	
George F. Gilmore, five stringers and bridge		
plank,	38 60	
Philip Peak, drawing sand,	9 00	
Benjamin L. Baldwin, lot for gravel,	25 56	
		\$659 22

SCHOOL MONEY.

Dist. No. 1, L. A. Garfield,	\$139 20	
2, Charles Cutter,	651 40	
3, Fred I. Stevens,	119 42	
4, Frederic Spaulding,	75 70	
5, Leonard E. Spaulding,	112 11	
6, Arthur Bunce,	114 52	
7, B. F. Lawrence,	228 52	
8, Oliver Bacon,	94 20	
9 and 10, William Buckwold,	154 01	
11, Charles A. Baldwin,	74 43	
12, Joseph W. Fassett,	61 23	
13, E. B. Crowe,	79 73	
		\$1904 47

RINGING BELLS.

Paid Samuel D. Jewell,	\$ 5 50	
N. W. Mower,	24 50	\$30 00

TAXES ABATED.

Paid N. C. Holmes, overtax on bank stock,	\$9 80	
Cozbie Tenney, overtax on public funds,	1 97	
Clarence E. Crosby, on dog tax,	2 00	\$13 77

TAXES PAID.

Paid C. H. Powers, Treasurer, County		
Tax,	\$1365 24	
C. H. Powers, Treasurer, State Tax,	1868 00	
		\$3233 24

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid Franklin H. Cutter,	\$185 00	
R. H. Kittredge,	600 00	
		\$785 00

INTEREST ON TOWN BONDS.

Paid Charles H. Powers, treasurer,	\$696 00
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POLICE.

Paid N. W. Mower,	\$10 00	
Warren F. Allen,	5 00	
Joseph Smith,	1 50	
		\$16 50

SHEEP DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Leonard E. Spaulding,	\$8 00	
Daniel Donnelly,	3 00	
		\$11 00

TOWN BONDS REDEEMED.

Paid Charles H. Powers, treasurer,	\$1000 00
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EXPENSE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid M. M. Bascom, incidental expenses,	\$11 62	
M. M. Bascom, expense of hose and repairs		
on engine,	17 25	
M. M. Bascom, for 42 firemen's services for		
year ending March 1, 1882,	\$147 50	
		\$176 37

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Farnum & Scott, printing town reports,	\$44 00
Joseph P. Frost, repairing bookcase,	3 00
William B. Robbins, record, collector, and	
surveyor's books and stationery	6 90
W. F. Heath, blank appointments and orders,	2 00
James May, damage on highway,	2 00
J. S. Lacy, expense of town safe,	25 00
Farnum & Scott, printing invoice and taxes,	40 00
G. A. Underwood, labor putting safe in se-	
lectmen's room,	2 25
William B. Robbins, money voted for Deco-	
ration Day,	25 00
D. C. Shattuck, cleaning, painting and var-	
nishing the town safe,	3 50

M. W. Armstrong, moving and placing safe in selectmen's room,	4 00	
John E. Baldwin, expense varnishing hearse,	23 25	
G. A. Underwood, stationery, postage and express,	1 32	
N. W. Mower, expense repairing and var- nishing hearse at East Jaffrey,	26 00	
J. P. Frost, recording births and deaths, no- tifying jurors, &c.,	12 44	
Chas. E. Prescott, damage on highway,	11 00	
C. H. Powers, note and interest paid Monad- nock National Bank,	1539 00	
Benjamin Pierce, public watering place,	3 00	
G. A. Underwood, one-half cord of wood for town hall,	2 75	
Ellen McCarthy, public watering place,	3 00	
		\$1779 41

RECAPITULATION.

Town Officers.....	\$ 382 00
Breaking Roads.....	994 70
Highways and Bridges.....	659 22
School Money.....	1,904 47
Ringin Bells.....	30 00
Taxes Abated.....	13 77
Taxes Paid.....	3,233 24
Overseers of Poor.....	785 00
Interest on Town Bonds.....	696 00
Town Bonds Redeemed.....	1,000 00
Police.....	16 50
Sheep Damage by Dogs.....	11 00
Fire Department.....	176 37
Miscellaneous.....	1,779 41
	\$11,681 68

Amount of 142 orders drawn by Selectmen during
the year ending March 1, 1882.....\$11,681 68

GEORGE A. UNDERWOOD,	} Selectmen of Jaffrey.
CLARENCE S. BAILEY,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To cash on hand as per last report,	\$1,336 53
Of the Selectmen (borrowed),	1,500 00
For Bolster Place,	150 00
Annie M. Donovan, interest on note,	12 85
Ellen McCarthy, interest on Conant Repairing Fund,	30 00
For lead pipe sold,	30
Of State Treasurer for Insurance Tax,	3 75
“ “ Railroad Tax,	205 95
“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	2,832 22
“ “ Literary Fund Tax,	111 80
Outstanding taxes, of 1879,	9 48
“ “ 1880,	366 73
“ “ 1881,	6,107 28
For interest on outstanding taxes, }	
And for non-resident highway taxes, }	12 42
For Interest on the Literary Fund,	149 56
For Town Bond redeemed,	200 00
	<u>\$13,028 87</u>

CR.

By 142 orders paid,	\$11,681 68
By cash on hand,	1,347 19
	<u>\$13,028 87</u>

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Outstanding 6 per cent. Bonds,	\$10,200 00
Outstanding 4 per cent. Bonds,	8,000 00
Due the Literary Fund,	490 37
Unpaid Coupons,	276 00
	<u>\$18,966 37</u>

ASSETS.

Literary Fund,	\$2,963 37
Annie M. Donovan, note and mortgage,	214 25
Conant Repairing Fund,	1,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	1,347 19
	<u>\$5,524 81</u>

OUTSTANDING TAXES.

Outstanding taxes for 1879,	\$ 32 14
“ “ 1880,	40 75
“ “ 1881,	237 26

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1882.

LITERARY FUND.

	Principal.	Int'st paid.
Mortgage and note signed by J. R. Stanley, January 1, 1878,	\$250 00	\$15 00
Mortgage and note signed by Mrs. C. Bartenback, August 22, 1878,	250 00	15 00
Mortgage and note signed by J. M. Darling, December 18, 1878,	220 00	
Mortgage and note signed by John Mann, January 1, 1878,	226 00	13 56
Note signed by Oliver Bacon, December 30, 1875,	27 00	
Three shares Monadnock National Bank,	300 00	30 00
Town of Jaffrey Bonds (6 per cent.),	1,000 00	60 00
“ “ “ (4 per cent.),	200 00	8 00
Cash received for Town Bonds redeemed,	200 00	8 00
Cash received for Bolster Place,	150 00	
Due from Town Treasury as per last report,	140 37	
	\$2,963 37	\$149 56

C. H. POWERS, Treasurer.

Jaffrey, March 1, 1882.

We, the undersigned, have examined the reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of the Literary Fund, Overseer of the Poor, and the report of the Trustees and securities of the Conant Indigent Fund, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

JOSEPH W. FASSETT, JOHN B. SHEDD, EDWIN R. SPAULDING,	}	Auditors.
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John A McGee

ENGINEER'S REPORT.

The Fire Company has not been called out the past year. We have had two alarms given, but the fires were both extinguished without the aid of the engine.

The first alarm was given on January 7, fire being discovered in the drying house of Messrs. White Brothers. Their facilities for extinguishing fire were such that the engine was not required.

The second alarm was on February 23: fire caught in the attic of J. S. Lacy's store, caused by a burning chimney; it was discovered early and extinguished with a few pails of water.

\$176.37 covers the cost of maintaining the fire department for the year.

M. M. BASCOM, Chief Engineer.

East Jaffrey, February 21, 1882.

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Amount of goods on hand, February 20, 1881,	\$ 32 00
Amount bought,	261 28
Amount sold,	327 09
Amount on hand,	41 00

G. C. DUNCAN, Agent.

February 18, 1882.

The Commonwealth.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 24, 1883

WEARY OF WAITING.

Death of A. Prescott, Esq., by His Own Hand, Yesterday Morning.

Mr. Adison Prescott, for many years president of the banking house of A. Prescott & Co., predecessors of the present Central Bank of Kansas, committed suicide yesterday morning at about 5 o'clock, at his home in this city. The fatal deed was accomplished by the use of a revolver which had been kept in his sleeping room. The bullet entered the brain just behind the right ear, and passed out on the left side above the ear. Mr. Prescott left his bed where his wife was asleep and passed to an adjoining room where the fatal shot was fired. Mrs. Prescott reached his side quickly, but life had fled and only the truant blood from her husband's head made any motion.

The cause of this dreadful tragedy was ill-health, long continued, resulting in a temporary derangement of the mental faculties. Mr. Prescott's family physician was Dr. Mulvane. The doctor says that Mr. Prescott, over two years ago had a severe attack of malarial fever, which left him in a prostrated condition. That this fever was brought on by over work; that he commenced his summer work without time to recuperate and did a hard summer's work, overtaxing body and brain. In the fall of 1881 he went east in a broken down condition, and returning in a worse nervous condition than when he started away. Dr. Mulvane was then consulted and examined the patient, discovering evidences of mental derangement. Then Mr. Prescott put himself under medical treatment, and was confined to his bed for four weeks, got up and at once, in a debilitated condition, resumed business. That last summer and fall he confined himself incessantly to business. It was during this last fall and winter that evidences of mental derangement were again discovered. Every effort was made to counteract it, except the taking of needed rest. The tragedy is the direct result of protracted overwork and immoderate attention to business. This adds to the sadness of the occurrence. The death of so useful a citizen is a calamity to all.

Mr. Prescott has been in Topeka since 1874, and has always occupied a prominent position in society and politics. He leaves a wife and four children and several more distant relatives resident in this city, for all of whom our people will have the deepest feeling.

The funeral will be held Sunday at his late home, and all friends of the family are invited.

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